

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

APRIL 1, 2004

1. Recommend approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2004.
2. An appearance by Colette Balder, Executive Director of Coastal Empire R.O.C.K. (Raising Our Children Kindly), concerning "Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month" in Savannah.
3. An appearance by Ray Cuthbertson, Director of the Savannah Council of the Navy League, concerning the recent visit by the USS MITSCHER guided missile destroyer.
- 3.1. An appearance by Deatre N. Denion, Earth Day Coordinator for the Water and Sewer Bureau's Environmental Affairs Office, to receive a proclamation designating April 3 , 2004 as "Earth Day 2004" in Savannah.
- 3.2. An appearance by Mary McAlister, Executive Director of Rape Crisis Center, and others to receive a proclamation designating April 2004 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Savannah.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS

4. Hitendra R. Patel t/a AVOM, Inc., requesting a beer and wine (package) license at 1402 Stiles Avenue, which had a 2003 beer and wine (package) license and is located between McCarthy Street and Carr Avenue in District 1. (Continued from March 18, 2004.) The applicant is the new owner of the property and also owns (and holds the license for) Cranman's at 401 E. Montgomery Cross Road, where there have not been problems. He was notified to appear on April 1 to explain how he will manage 1402 Stiles Avenue to prevent the property maintenance violations and loitering that occurred there under the previous owner. A letter stating how he plans to operate and requesting a continuance to May 27 is attached.
5. Jacqueline D. Dukes t/a Value King, requesting a beer and wine (package) license at 701 W. 37th Street, which had a 2003 beer and wine (package) license and is located between Florance and Harden Streets in District 1. (Continued from March 18, 2004.) The applicant was notified to appear on April 1 to explain how she will address concerns about litter and loitering. (See attached letter.)

6. Stanford W. Ray t/a the Tasting Room, requesting a wine (drink) license at 225 B W. Broughton Street, which is located between Barnard and Jefferson Streets in District 1. **(The application has been withdrawn.)**
7. Susanna Luebe t/a Brinker Georgia, Inc. d/b/a Romano's Macaroni Grill, requesting to transfer a liquor, beer and wine (drink w/Sunday sales) license from John M. Balentine t/a Brinker Georgia, Inc d/b/a Romano's Macaroni Grill at 7804 Abercorn Street (Oglethorpe Mall), which is located between Mall Boulevard and White Bluff Road in District 4. Recommend approval.
8. Robert Ray Greenberg t/a Crabdaddy's Crab House, requesting a beer and wine (drink w/Sunday sales) license at 14045 Abercorn Street (Savannah Mall), which is a new location between Apache Avenue and Rio Road in District 6. Recommend approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Metropolitan Planning Commission (Z-031112-54424-2), recommending an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to adopt the Thomas Square Streetcar Historic District Land Use and Zoning Plan. This plan seeks to achieve residential redevelopment by restoring the established pattern of residential development, concentrating commercial development in nodes and corridors, and permitting low impact commercial uses in residential districts and residential uses in commercial districts; to achieve economic redevelopment by encouraging development of the Bull Street corridor as a "main street" for the Thomas Square and Metropolitan neighborhoods; and to achieve general community redevelopment by identifying opportunities for compatible commercial and residential redevelopment. (Continued from December February 5, 2004) Recommend continuing the hearing for three months during which time we would continue to address revitalization issues and concerns in Thomas Square and commence the neighborhood requested rezoning initiative in West Savannah.
10. Feiler Park Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan. A public hearing to present information and receive comments concerning the Feiler Park Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan. (See attached memo.)

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Metropolitan Planning Commission (Z-031112-54424-2), recommending approval of map and text amendments for portions of the Thomas Square Metropolitan and Baldwin Park neighborhoods. The affected area is generally bounded by Anderson Lane, Price Street, Victory Drive, and an irregular edge on the west between Jefferson and Montgomery Streets. The proposed text amendments replace 15 zoning districts with four new districts: TN-2

(Traditional Neighborhood - 2), TC-1 (Traditional Commercial - Neighborhood), TC-2 (Traditional Commercial - Corridor), and CIV (Civic and Institutional). The amendments also identify permitted uses; establish development standards and design standards for each new district; and establish parking and lighting standards, new definitions, and review procedures for compatibility and appropriateness. (Continued from February 5, 2004.) Recommend continuing the hearing for three months during which time we would continue to address revitalization issues and concerns in Thomas Square and commence the neighborhood requested rezoning initiative in West Savannah.

12. Gladys and Ed Hill (Z-030127-38949-2), requesting to rezone 8502 Lyn Avenue from R-6 (One-Family Residential) to PUD-IS-B (Planned Unit Development-Institutional). The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) recommends denial of the request, but approval of an alternate P-R-T (Planned Residential- Transition) classification, including approval of a General Development Plan with variances and conditions, and approval of a change in the Future Land Use Map from Single-Family Residential to Office/Commercial. The property fronts a major arterial street and abuts a commercial use. The P-R-T classification requires a General Plan at the time of rezoning and serves as a transition between single family residential and commercial uses. Recommend approval of the MPC recommendation.

PETITIONS

13. Star Corporal Martha P. Stone – Petition #9831, requesting award of her service weapon (ATP79US) upon retiring from the Police Department on April 1, 2004. Recommend approval.
14. Robert and Mona Byrd – Petition #9816, requesting the City to approve the installation of a device in a light stanchion near the Waving Girl Statue which would allow visitors to push a button and play the “Waving Girl” song composed and recorded by Mona Byrd. Recommend denial. This petition was considered at length by City staff, unanimously denied by the Mayor and Aldermen on January 23, 2003, and unanimously denied by the Historic Site and Monument Commission on January 27, 2004. It is an unsolicited request to install a device to play music at a monument and such music is not appropriate and will detract from the monument. Approval would invite similar requests for music at other monuments. (See attached minutes.)

- 14.1. Mark T. Shawe, Attorney for Duck Sparks Properties, LLC – Petition #9803, requesting the City to quit claim a 10-foot strip of Wilson Street abutting the petitioner's property at 611 W. Jones Street. Recommend approval to quit claim the 10-foot strip of unimproved right-of-way to the petitioner for fair market value provided the water and sewer lines are field located to ensure that no structure will be constructed over or within 7.5 feet of them. Portions of the petitioner's building, paving, fencing and retaining wall lie within the 10-foot strip and the petitioner wants to make further use of the area by constructing another building. If the right-of-way ever needs to be opened the remaining 35-foot width would be sufficient. (See attached photo.)
- 14.2. Mary Conoly Friday – Petition #9840, requesting to transfer Bonaventure Cemetery, Section L, Lot 577, Spaces 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 12, from Emma Johnson Conoly (deceased grandmother) to Mary Conoly Friday (granddaughter). Recommend approval. Records on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council, Bonaventure Cemetery, Book of Titles D, Folio 1, show this lot in the name of Emma Johnson Conoly. There is no reason transfer should not be made as requested by her heir.
- 14.3. Charles E. McCallar – Petition #9841, requesting to transfer Bonaventure Cemetery, Section H, Lot P, Spaces 1 thru 5, from Charles E. McCallar to Anthony Wayne Noha and Laurie K. Noha. Recommend approval. Records on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council, Bonaventure Cemetery, Book of Titles F, Folio 532, show this lot in the name of Charles E. McCallar. There is no reason transfer should not be made as requested by lot owner.
- 14.4. Jacqueline Bussey – Petition #9842, requesting to transfer Laurel Grove South Cemetery, Section Old, Lot 594, all available spaces to Jacqueline Bussey. Recommend approval. Records on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council, Laurel Grove South Cemetery, show this as an unrecorded lot. Verification has been made that the petitioner is the heir of the family members buried on the lot, therefore, there is no reason transfer should not be granted as requested.
- 14.5. Mary Margaret Tyson Quiggle – Petition #9843, requesting to transfer Bonaventure Cemetery, Section L, Lot 202, all available spaces, from O. L. Tyson (deceased grandfather) to Mary Margaret Tyson Quiggle (granddaughter). Recommend approval. Records on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council, Bonaventure Cemetery, Book of Titles C, Folio 175, show this lot in the name of O. L. Tyson. There is no reason transfer should not be made as requested by his heir.

ORDINANCES

First and Second Readings

15. School Zone – Tibet Avenue. An ordinance to authorize a school zone on Tibet Avenue from Largo Drive to the Stratford Arms western exit at the posted school speed limit of 25 miles per hour on school days when flashing. (See Items 16 and 23.) Recommend approval.

RESOLUTIONS

16. School Zone – Tibet Avenue. A resolution to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation in support of amending the City's radar permit by extending the school zone on Tibet Avenue from Largo Drive to the Stratford Arms western exit for Largo-Tibet Elementary School and Savannah Youth University . Recommend approval.
17. Thomas Square Streetcar Historic District Land Use and Zoning Plan. A resolution to adopt the Thomas Square Streetcar Historic District Land Use and Zoning Plan. (Continued from February 5, 2004.) Recommend deferring for three months.
18. Feiler Park. A resolution to adopt the Feiler Park Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan as meeting the criteria for an Urban Redevelopment Area under the Georgia Urban Redevelopment Law. Recommend approval.
19. Feiler Park – Eminent Domain. A resolution to authorize the power of eminent domain for the acquisition of real property in furtherance of the Feiler Park Redevelopment Plan. Recommend approval.
20. Feiler Park – Eminent Domain. A resolution to exercise the power of eminent domain for the acquisition of certain real properties for public purpose in the Feiler Park neighborhood. Recommend approval.

MISCELLANEOUS

21. Annexation Petition. The City received an annexation petition for approximately 298 acres in the area generally south of Chevis Road and east of the Bradley Point South development. All of the owners have signed the petition and the land is contiguous to the City, therefore annexation can be by ordinance adopted by Council. In compliance with state law, notice of receipt of the petition has been provided to the County.

Annexation is being sought by the owners to gain access to the municipal services provided by the City. Annexation will allow the City to fully benefit from the use of its services to develop the land, and is supportive of Council priorities related to economic development and fiscal efficiency.

Plans call for the land to be developed for residential purposes. The County zoning is R-A (Residential-Agriculture) and it is anticipated that the same zoning will be assigned by the City. After development it is estimated that there will be approximately 459 dwellings and a population of 1,147.

No action is required now other than acknowledging receipt of the petition. It is expected that the April 29th Council meeting agenda will include the annexation and zoning ordinances, and related water and sewer agreements. (See attached memo.) Recommend approval.

22. Final Plat. Recommend approval of the final plat for Highlands Park Subdivision, which is a portion of property owned by Foxfield Company. Recommend approval.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

23. Extended School Zone – Tibet Avenue. The Police Department has requested extending the school zone on Tibet Avenue for Largo-Tibet Elementary School to include the Savannah Youth University day school. The school zone is between Largo Drive and La Brea Avenue, and would be extended 1,650 feet to the Stratford Arms western exit.

In order for the Police Department to enforce the extended school zone with radar, the City Code must be amended and a resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT).

Recommend that the City Code be amended to authorize a school zone on Tibet Avenue from Largo Drive to the Stratford Arms western exit. Recommend also approving a resolution for DOT to add the extended school to the City's radar permit. (See attached map.) Recommend approval.

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 23.1. Battlefield Park Soil Remediation Engineering Services – Amendment No. 5. On December 22, 2003, Council awarded a construction contract to ENTACT for the Battlefield Park Soil Remediation project. Engineering services, including project management and resident inspections, will be needed.

EMC provided engineering services for developing and obtaining Environmental Protection Division (EPD) approval of the Corrective Action Plan, and had proposed as optional services to provide engineering oversight for the cleanup project.

Recommend approval of Amendment No. 5 in the amount of \$255,435.00 to the Battlefield Park Soil Remediation Engineering Services contract with EMC. Recommend approval.

- 23.2.** Savannah SandGnats Lease Agreement. The lease between the City and Savannah Big Time Baseball (The Savannah SandGnats) for the use of Grayson Stadium, expires on September 30, 2004. The SandGnats management has requested to extend the lease for one year. The basic provisions of the lease will remain the same. The SandGnats will pay the City \$10,000 per annum and an amount equal to 3% of all food and drink concession sales which in 2003 amounted to \$11,705.60. Total compensation to the City from the SandGnats in 2003 was \$21,705.60.

Similar South Atlantic League stadiums have comparable leases (Columbus, GA \$11,538; Greensboro, NC \$15,000; Charleston, WV \$601) while newer stadiums generate more revenue (Augusta, GA \$50,000; Charleston, SC \$35,000 plus % of gross revenue; and Salisbury, MD \$100,000).

The proposed lease requires no stadium capital improvement by the City. The City will assume responsibility for general maintenance and upkeep. The SandGnats will be responsible for field maintenance.

We are reviewing the long term plan for the stadium and will complete the stadium plan in conjunction with the Civic Center Arena study. A new stadium and arena will be a major capital expense. The most likely funding source is a future Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). In the meantime, a one year extension is prudent. Recommend approval.

- 24.** Engineering Services for Crusader Community Center Expansion – Request for Proposal No. 04.036. Recommend approval to procure engineering services for a 3,000-square foot expansion and façade improvements to the Crusader Park Community Center from Watkins Associates Architects in the amount of \$20,000.00. The center is located at 81 Coffee Villa Road.

Proposals were received March 2, 2004. The proposal has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: 119 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. The proposers were:

B.P. Watkins Associates Architects	\$	20,000.00
Barnard Engineering, Inc.	\$	27,000.00
RWP Engineering, Inc.	\$	30,450.00
Construction Project Specialists, Inc.	\$	35,620.00
David C. Sladek, PE	\$	36,000.00

Proposer	Fee	Fee Factor	Qualifications	Proposed Methodology	Time Scheduled	Total
Factor Weight (Maximum)		30	40	20	10	100.00
RWP Engineering	30,450.00	19.70	37.5	20	7.5	84.70
Construction Project Specialists	35,620.00	16.84	35	17.5	7.5	76.84
Barnard Architects	27,000.00	22.22	37.5	16.5	7.5	83.72
David Sladek, P.E.	36,000.00	16.67	35	17.5	7.5	76.67
Watkins Associates Architects	20,000.00	30.00	37.5	20	7.5	95.00

Funds are available in the 2004 Budget, Account No. 311-9207-52842. A Pre-Proposal Conference was conducted and seven vendors attended. Recommend approval.

- 24.1.** Alice-Tatnall Drainage Relief System (DR-305) Amendment No. 1 to Consultant Agreement. Golder Associates, Inc. has submitted Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$147,881.80 to their engineering services agreement for the Casey South Collector System project. The amendment provides for the pre-construction evaluation of potential construction impacts and 290 building inspections for the Alice-Tatnall Drainage Relief System project.

Golder's pre-construction services for the Casey South project include developing a plan for potential construction impacts (including a review of submittals by the contractor regarding construction methodology) and inspecting buildings along the construction route. These services are now needed for the Alice-Tatnall project to properly evaluate construction techniques and mitigate potential damage to private properties.

Recommend approval of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$147,881.80. The fees are reasonable. Funds are available. Recommend approval.

- 25.** Trim Town Bags – Annual Contract – Bid No. 04.048. Recommend approval to procure trim town bags from Duro Standard Products, Inc. in the amount of \$50,112.00. The lawn and leaf bags are used by various City departments.

Bids were received March 2, 2004. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: 20-30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B. Duro Standard Products, Inc.	\$	50,112.00
TBL Plastics	\$	57,600.00

Funds are available in the 2004 Budget, Account No. 611-0000-11330. A Pre-Bid Conference was conducted and no vendors attended. Recommend approval.

26. Delesseps Avenue Curve Reconstruction - Change Order No. 2. The reconstruction of the Delesseps Avenue curve west of Ward Street is being performed by APAC Southeast. A change order in the amount of \$59,962.50 is needed to construct an additional drainage structure off the road to prevent localized flooding. This change will add 225 feet of 15" reinforced concrete pipe with an inlet box while crossing several utilities in a tight location. Funds are available. (See attached map.) Recommend approval.

27. All Weather Jackets for Savannah Police Department – One Time Purchase Requisition No. 151365. Recommend approval to procure 51 all weather jackets from Uniforms 911 in the amount of \$12,138.00. The successful bidder on the previous bid has agreed to hold their unit price from that bid.

The reason for not originally selecting the low bidder is that the jacket bid by Outdoor Outfits is not made of the specified Gore-Tex fabric which provides greater comfort in high humidity.

Bids were originally received October 30, 2001. This bid was advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: 30 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B. Uniforms 911	\$	12,138.00
+ Outdoor Outfits	\$	9,271.00

Funds are available in the 2004 Budget, Account No. 101-4106-51310. A Pre-Bid Conference was conducted and two vendors attended. (+Indicates low bidder did not meet specifications.) Recommend approval.

28. Water Level Monitors – Annual Contract – Bid No. 04.028. Recommend approval to procure water level monitoring controllers from ALCO Engineering in the amount of \$32,570.42. These controllers will be used by Conveyance and Water Distribution in various wastewater pumping stations.

Bids were received February 17, 2004. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: 14 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B. ** ALCO Engineering	\$	32,570.42
Instrumentation Services	\$	34,700.00
Sta-Con, Inc.	\$	37,800.00
Ellis K. Phelps	\$	39,380.00
Thermo Electron Corporation	\$	42,900.00

Funds are available in the 2004 Budget, Account No. 521-2552. A Pre-Bid Conference was conducted and three vendors attended. (**Indicates woman-owned business.) Recommend approval.

29. Polymer for I & D Water Plant – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 04.089. Recommend renewing an annual contract to procure polymers from Polydyne, Inc. in the amount of \$114,700.00. The polymers will be used at the I & D Water Plant for sludge dewatering and drinking water treatment.

The reason why a sole source vendor is required is that the sludge dewatering facility is very sensitive to process variations. As part of the equipment installation, several polymers were evaluated and an annual contract was negotiated for the best performing polymer. The negotiated price is a significant savings from list price and from prices previously paid.

The offer was received March 7, 2003. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. The bidder was:

S.S. Polydyne, Inc.	\$ 114,700.00
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Funds are available in the 2004 Budget, Account No. 531-2581-51323. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. Recommend approval.

30. Mowing Services – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 04.091. Recommend renewing an annual contract to procure mowing services from S & P Landscape Management (Sites 1, 3, 4, 6 & 8) in the amount of \$21,339.24 and Complete Lawn Care (Sites 2, 5 & 7) in the amount of \$13,000.00 for a total of \$34,339.24. The mowing services will be used by Buildings and Grounds to maintain ballfields, playgrounds and the tennis complex grounds. Both vendors have agreed to renew their contract at the same terms and conditions for an additional year.

Bids were originally received April 9, 2002. This bid was advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net-30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B. * S & P Landscape Management	\$ 21,339.24
L.B. * Complete Lawn Care	\$ 13,000.00
* Tidewater Landscape Management	\$ 39,556.50
Advantage 1 Lawn Services	\$ 53,690.00
* Charlie's Lawn Care	\$ 67,834.00
Chatham Nurseries	\$ 90,350.00
** West Chatham Landscape	\$ 139,100.00
** Riverwood Nursery	\$ 2,246,400.00

Funds are available in the 2004 Budget, Account No. 101-6120-51295. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (*Indicates minority vendor; **Indicates woman-owned business.) Recommend approval.

31. Security Services – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 04.092. Recommend renewing an annual contract to procure security services from Pioneer Security in the amount of \$99,375.00. The services will provide security guards to patrol after hours, holidays and weekends at the City Lot.

Pioneer Security, the third lowest bidder, meets all of the requirements and has performed satisfactorily. International Security was not originally selected because they did not have the required licenses, permits and insurance. AP Security was not selected due to unsatisfactory performance on a cemeteries security services contract in 2001.

Bids were originally received April 2, 2002. This bid was advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B. * Pioneer Security	\$	99,375.00
*+International Security, Inc.	\$	97,125.00
+ AP Security	\$	97,571.00
Security Experts	\$	101,351.00
* East Coast Security	\$	114,312.50
EM Security	\$	117,187.50
Four Star Security	\$	125,000.00
* Optima, Inc.	\$	125,000.00
Sizemore Security	\$	131,250.00
US Security Associates	\$	134,062.50
Magnum Security	\$	156,250.00

Funds are available in the 2004 Budget, Account No. 101-2111-51241. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (*Indicates minority vendor; +Indicates low bidder not selected.) Recommend approval.

32. Janitorial Services for Leisure Services - Annual Contract Renewal- Bid No. 04.0093. Recommend renewing an annual contract to procure janitorial services for Leisure Services from CKC Enterprises in the amount of \$59,400.00, My Cleaning in the amount of \$17,220.00 and Randall Green in the amount of \$10,800.00 for a total amount of \$87,420.00. The services are needed to clean recreation centers, senior centers and administrative offices for the Leisure Services Bureau.

Executive Janitorial was low bidder on some locations but did not provide the required references.

Bids were originally received April 2, 2002. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. The bidders were:

	Items 1-3, 5, 10-13, 16-17	Items 4, 6, 14-15	Items 7-9
L.B. * CKC Enterprises	\$ 59,400.00	\$17,700.00	\$13,500.00
L.B. ** My Cleaning	\$ 27,300.00 (PB)	\$17,220.00	\$13,140.00
L.B. * Randall Green	\$ 66,000.00	\$33,600.00	\$10,800.00
* Executive Janitorial	\$ 39,712.92	\$20,448.00	\$13,056.00
* First Six, Inc.	\$ 65,184.00	\$18,564.00	\$15,060.00
* Almighty Cleaning	\$ 65,540.00	\$19,200.00	\$15,600.00
Hostess City	\$ 68,700.00	\$18,240.00	\$14,400.00
* Southern Style	\$ 68,160.00	\$36,240.00	\$15,240.00
Sunshine Cleaning	\$ 69,900.00	No Bid	\$ 9,900.00(PB)
* Ben's Maintenance	\$ 71,400.00	\$21,000.00	\$18,000.00
* P & C Business	\$ 72,000.00	\$18,420.00	\$13,620.00
* Basic Cleaning	\$ 75,920.02	\$19,656.00	\$17,604.00
* Signature Cleaning	\$ 78,720.00	\$33,660.00	\$16,200.00
* McCray's Janitorial	\$ 85,200.00	\$36,000.00	\$20,400.00
* Mr. Housekeeper	\$ 90,732.00	\$25,848.00	\$19,128.00
* R. I. T	\$124,068.00	\$40,440.00	\$26,172.00
* Savannah Home	\$160,178.40	\$62,474.16	\$40,890.24

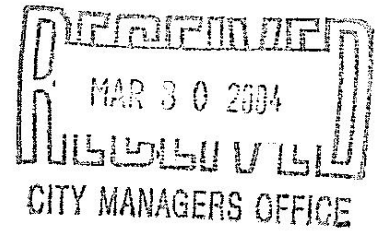
Funds are available in the 2004 Budget, Account No. 101-6120-51243. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (*Indicates minority vendor; **Indicates woman-owned business; PB Indicates partial bid.) Recommend approval.

City of Savannah
Summary of Solicitations and Responses
For April 1, 2004 Agenda

<u>Bid Number</u>	<u>Annual Contract</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Local Vendor Available</u>	<u>Minority Vendor Available</u>	<u>Total Sent</u>	<u>Sent to MWBE</u>	<u>Total Received</u>	<u>Received From MWBE</u>	<u>Est. Award Value</u>	<u>Est. MWBE Award</u>	<u>Low Bid Vendor Type</u>	<u>MWBE Sub</u>	<u>Vendor Type</u>
B04.048	X	Trim Town Bags	No	No	11	0	2	0	\$ 50,112.00	0	D	0	0
B04.036		Engineering Services For Crusader Community Center Expansion	Yes	Yes	223	58	5	0	\$ 20,000.00	0	B	0	0
R151365		All Weather Jackets for Savannah Police Department	Yes	Yes	23	2	2	0	\$ 12,138.00	0	D	0	0
B04.028		Water Level Monitors	Yes	Yes	123	16	6	1	\$ 32,570.42	0	F	0	0
B04.089	X	Polymer for I & D	No	No	1	0	1	0	\$114,700.00	0	D	0	0
B04.091	X	Mowing Services	Yes	Yes	36	19	8	6	\$ 21,339.24	\$21,339.24	A	0	0
B04.092	X	Security Services	Yes	Yes	19	8	11	4	\$ 99,375.00	\$99,275.00	A	0	0
B04.093	X	Janitorial Services For Leisure Services	Yes	Yes	71	66	17	15	\$ 87,420.00	\$70,200.00	A	0	0

VENDOR(S)*

- A. Local Minority
- B. Local Non-Minority
- C. Non-Local Minority
- D. Non-Local Non-Minority
- E. Woman Owned
- F. Non-Local Woman Owned



HITENDRA R. PATEL
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MARCH 30, 2004

CITY OF SAVANNAH
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
PO BOX 1027
SAVANNAH, GA 31402

ATTN: BRIAN GORE

Dear Mr Gore:

Due a Business Conflicts, I hereby request a continuance of the Public Hearing on my application for a Beer & Wine Package License at 1402 Stiles Avenue until the second council meeting in may.

As you may know, this property is under new ownership and is expected to open in June.

At the time of the continued hearing I will be prepared to discuss any concerns about property maintenance and loitering.

I would like you to know the plans for the property:

PROPERTY maintenance.

1. Store Policy

- a. Ample number of outside trash cans (minimum 5)
- B. DUMPSTER on property
- c. Store policy to clean parking lot twice a day. To resolve the problem of cigaret butts and lottery tickets

LOITERING

A. CLEARLY POSTED NO LOITERING SIGNS ON OUT SIDE & INSIDE OF STORE.

B. IF LOITERING OCCURS, THEY WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. IF THEY DO NOT LEAVE THE POLICE WILL BE CONTACTED.

PERSONAL INFORMATION, II HITEDRA R. PATEL ALSO OWNS CRANMANS SPORTING WORLD LOCATED AT 401 E MONTGOMERY CROSS ROADS, SAVANNAH, GA 31406. I WOULD REQUEST THAT YOU COME AND SEE HOW I KEEP THE PROPERTY AND STORE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME

Sincerely



Hitendra R. Patel

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TO: MAYOR & ALDERMEN
FROM: CITY MANAGER
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

KFL for MB
3-8-04

REPLY TO:

P.O. BOX 9434

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31412

March 17, 2004

Cuyler Brownsville Community Association
attn: Mr. Gibbison
635 West 37th Street
Savannah, Georgia 31405

RE: Value King Food Mart
Location - 37th & Florence Streets

Dear Mr. Gibbison:


Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to meet with me on March 12, 2004. As stated during our meeting, Mr. Patel has begun to address the concerns your organization has regarding the appearance of the exterior of the Value King Food Mart. The trash dumpster has been removed, and Mr. Patel has made an effort to remove the trash from the curtilage of the building. Additionally, he has removed trash from areas beyond his property line in an effort to have the overall area aesthetically pleasing. Also, Mr. Patel has begun to paint the exterior of the building. The lower level has been painted, and he is working on the upper level.

The loitering issue has been addressed by Mr. Patel and the police department. A larger no loitering sign has been posted, and the police has assured Mr. Patel that the larger sign will allow them to arrest persons found loitering outside the building.

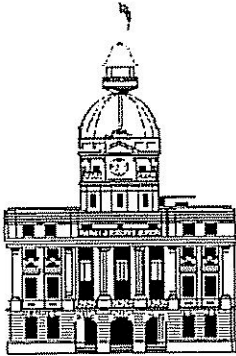
Mr. Patel has joined your community association and plans to become an active member. He intends to be a good neighbor to the community and would like to utilize the community group as a venue for members of the community to share concerns regarding the store.

I hope that this letter accurately reflects the content of our conversation regarding the store; however, if I have omitted any pertinent information please advise, and I will gladly provide the same.

Sincerely,


Diane Morrell McLeod

cc: Mike Patel



MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office
City of Savannah

TO: Mayor and Alderman

FROM: Michael B. Brown, City Manager *Michael*

RE: Feiler Park Mini-Urban Redevelopment Plan (MURP)

DATE: March 26, 2004

In 2003, the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs approved low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC) that will result in the construction of the \$12.4 million, 144 unit mixed-income Montgomery Landing Apartments located in the Feiler Park neighborhood. In coordination with this development and investment, the Bureau of Public Development has been working closely with the leadership of the Feiler Park Community Association to implement additional revitalization strategies. In pursuit of the revitalization of the neighborhood, the Bureau of Public Development is requesting the designation of the Feiler Park neighborhood as an Urban Redevelopment Area. In addition we are also requesting the adoption of the Mini-Urban Redevelopment Plan by City Council in accordance with the Urban Redevelopment Law (GA Const., 1993, Code Section 36-61).

Following the adoption of the West Savannah Neighborhood MURP in October 2003, the Feiler Park Neighborhood MURP is the first proposed MURP for 2004. The Feiler Park Neighborhood MURP was selected in large part due to:

- The existence of neighborhood conditions that fit the requirements of the urban redevelopment law (GA Const., 1993, Code Section 36-61);
- Availability of multiple vacant lots suited for infill housing development;
- The support of the neighborhood association;
- The State of Georgia DCA approval of low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC).

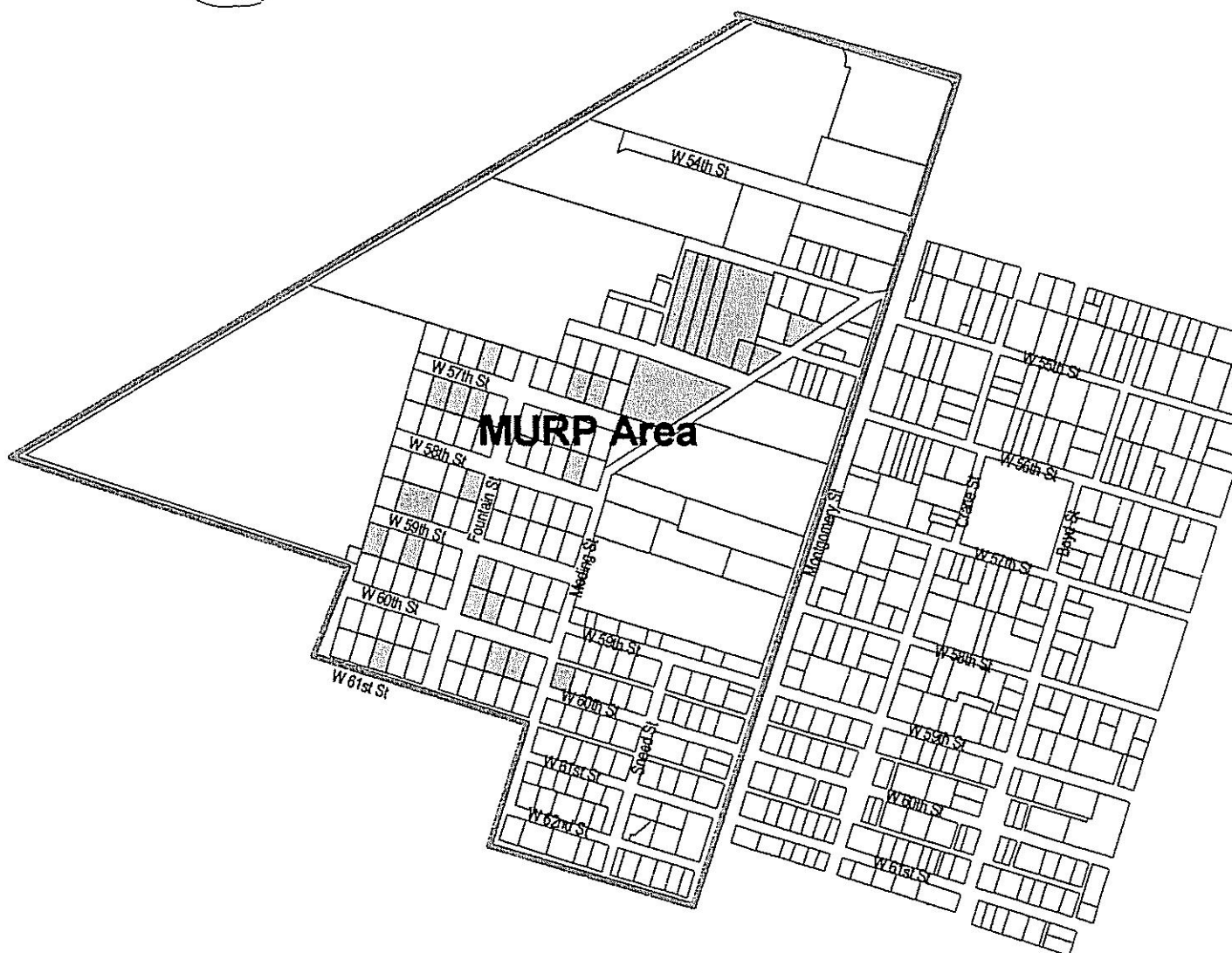
While the entire neighborhood will benefit from the MURP, the City will initially focus redevelopment efforts in a targeted section of the neighborhood which is bounded by the Seaboard Coast Railroad to the west, West 52nd Street to the north, the centerline of Montgomery Street to the east, and West 61st and West 62nd Street to the south.

In addition to the re-development plan that identifies uses for vacant property (vacant lots and vacant structures), the Feiler Park Neighborhood MURP will include the coordination and implementation of several physical improvement projects. These projects and activities in the MURP will include infill housing construction, owner-occupied home improvements, rental property improvements, aggressive property maintenance, and infrastructure improvements. Increasing home ownership in the neighborhood is also a goal of the MURP.

The City held two public information meetings in the neighborhood on February 10 and March 10. Several City staff were in attendance to address questions about the proposed MURP. Those in attendance included Assistant City Manager, Israel Small, and Bureau Chiefs Billy Jones and Joe Shearouse. Representatives from City departments including Housing, Community Planning and Development, Inspections, Facilities Maintenance, Leisure Services, Traffic Engineering and Real Property Services were also present. Each meeting drew an attendance of approximately 45 residents. In response to public notifications sent to property owners and residents located in the targeted MURP area, several residents have called to inquire about the City's plans and to express support for the proposed MURP.

I recommend that the Mayor and Aldermen approve the designation of the Feiler Park neighborhood as an urban redevelopment area and adopt the mini-urban redevelopment plan. Adoption will provide the City with the urban redevelopment project powers granted under the Georgia Urban Redevelopment Law.

Feiler Park Neighborhood Urban Redevelopment Plan



MINUTES

SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT COMMISSION

January 28, 2004

A meeting of the Savannah-Chatham County Historic Site and Monument Commission was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, in the A. A. Mendonsa MPC hearing room, 110 East State Street. Lisa White, Chair, presided. Present were:

Commission: Ms. White, Mr. Wright, Dr. Duncan, Ms. Ricks-Brown, and Mr. Lang.
Staff: Ms. Reiter and Mr. White (Director of the Park and Tree Department).

1. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 8, 2003 meeting were approved. Mr. White asked if the palm tree referred to as part of the installation of the Haitian Monument had been approved. He said it mentioned that it was the national tree of Haiti, but did not mention what species. He said many of the tropical palms will not grow in Savannah. Mrs. White the Chairman stated that the approval was with the understanding that specific text and details of the monument would come back to the Board and that question could be asked.

2. **Petition # C-031222-86879-2**
Georgia Historical Society and
Bonaventure Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
Bay Street
Jane Cuyler marker

The petition was represented by Roger Smith and Christy Christ of the Georgia Historical Society.

Mr. Smith said location was a concern and that he had a few editorial changes to the text. He said Hugh Golson had pointed out that the name should be "Jeanne de la Touche".

Regarding location, no specific record of where the lodging house/tavern was located has been found to date. Three different sources refer to Mrs. Cuyler's residence at the S. E. corner of Bull and Broughton as the location where the resolution was signed.

Dr. Duncan asked why Mr. Cuyler was not mentioned in the text. It was pointed out that Mr. Cuyler died before the Revolution began.

Questions were raised as to why Mrs. Cuyler was singled out for a marker. Comments were made that a female supporter of the Revolution was unusual and

that it was harder for a woman to build a record in those times. Dr. Duncan pointed out that she had been singled out by the British to be expelled, so she must have been an irritant to them.

Dr. Duncan asked that her Huguenot connection be placed in the text.

Ms. Ricks-Brown noted a discrepancy in the birth date of her son, Henry Cuyler, and questioned the accuracy of the information supplied to the Commission.

A question was raised about how many women were on the Governor's arrest list.

Further discussion was held concerning the lack of a specific location. It was suggested that if no further information was found that it read "an undetermined location on Bay Street" or "near this site".

Mr. Smith stated that there was no urgent time frame on the petition, therefore it was agreed to continue the petition for further research regarding location, information on Jane Cuyler, dates of Henry Cuyler and a reworked text.

3. Policy regarding audio devices at monuments

Mrs. Reiter reported that a citizen had requested that the Commission consider a proposal to install an audio device in conjunction with the Waving Girl Monument that would play music and lyrics entitled "Waving Girl" by Mona Byrd, a Savannah composer and singer.

Mrs. Reiter stated that on January 23, 2003, City Council heard a request from Mr. and Mrs. Byrd to place an audio device with Mrs. Byrd's composition "Waving Girl" in conjunction with the existing Waving Girl monument. After a lengthy discussion, Council voted unanimously to decline the offer and stated that the placement of audio devices on the City's monuments is not a policy that the City wished to endorse. She said that Alderman Flexon stated that if the Site and Monument Commission wanted to take up the matter of audio devices on monuments as a policy for the City, then this would be something to come back to City Council.

Mrs. Reiter said that Mr. and Mrs. Byrd's request had not been heard by the Site and Monument Commission previously and they have requested to be heard. She pointed out that the Site and Monument Commission is a recommending body and that City Council had heard and acted on the petitioner's request with a denial. Council did not send the petition to the Site and Monument Commission for a recommendation, therefore, in Staff's opinion, the request to hear the petition for the Waving Girl audio device should not be docketed for action by the Board.

She said the general issue of audio devices in conjunction with the City's monuments is a policy that could be considered with a recommendation to

Council if the Commission so desired. Staff said if the Board took up the policy issue, then Staff had the following comments.

Savannah has 41 outdoor monuments and the greater number of these are located within the Savannah National Historic Landmark District. These are within an urban context surrounded by mixed uses including residential, religious and commercial. Audible narration or musical devices would potentially adversely affect nearby residential and religious properties through intrusive ambient noise. Such devices would also distract visitors who perhaps would appreciate contemplating the monument without added audible embellishment. She said there were a number of guidebooks and guided tours available for visitors who wished further in-depth information. She stated that the proliferation of more noise in an already noisy urban environment would be detrimental to the pedestrian's experience of the District and was not appropriate for Savannah's internationally acclaimed squares.

She further stated that there were numerous approaches to presenting interpretive material to the public. These could be in written form, films, tour guides or mechanical such as headphones or push button devices. She pointed out that Savannah had numerous guidebooks and walking tours available. Also that tours on tape may still be available. She stated that just as the City had a policy of not commemorating individuals who have not been dead at least 25 years, so too the use of contemporary music was inappropriate in conjunction with historic monuments.

Staff recommended that the Commission reaffirm City Council's decision that sound devices are inappropriate and intrusive in conjunction with the outdoor monuments and squares in Savannah's National Historic Landmark District.

David White, Park and Tree Director stated that maintenance of such devices would be burdensome.

Mrs. Mona Byrd stated that she had no idea where the idea came from that they wanted to place this on or within a monument. She stated that they wished to install the tape in an existing light bollard, not in or on the monument itself. She said there would be no maintenance involved and added that she and Mr. Byrd would maintain the device.

She also said she had received a letter from Mr. Hank Skipper, the Director of Marine Operations for Chatham Area Transit supporting the placement of the song device at the Waving Girl Landing provided it is approved by the Chatham Area Transit Authority and the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center Authority. Mrs. Byrd also said it could be placed in the water taxis which would be more than 500' from any business or residence. Mrs. Byrd asked the Commission if they disapproved of it being used in a water taxi.

Ms. White commented that this Commission had no jurisdiction to comment one way or the other on the water taxis.

Mr. David White stated that the difference between this proposal and the sound narration devices used by the National Park Service was that the Park Service selects its own interpretive program material. They have direct control over the content and do not take outside submissions.

Mr. Byrd stated that the Waving Girl was over 500' from a residence. He said it would not distract other people. He stated he has shown the device to the City Engineer.

Mr. Copie Burnett, a relative of Florance Martus stated that he had spoken with James Brennan and Nicolas Kinney, great nephews of Florance Martus. He said they had been approached by Mr. and Mrs. Byrd regarding this proposal and that the family had heard the tape and had deemed it not appropriate for the monument. He said they do not want the name of Florance Martus to be exploited and that another relative who was a monsignor in the Church had tried to protect her good name from exploitation.

Mr. Byrd stated that the City Attorney had said he could submit a new petition. He said this was a new song and there was new information. He stated that the Georgia Historical Society had stated that the text was correct.

Mr. Burnett again stated that it was not appropriate for contemporary music to be played at the site.

The Chair, Lisa White, stated the specific placement at the Waving Girl was moot because City Council had said no. The question before the Commission was should there be a policy regarding sound at monuments.

Mr. Wright stated that every interest group will want one. He could imagine the Sons of the Confederacy wanting Dixie at the Confederate Monument.

Mr. Byrd asked and was granted permission to play the tape. He said it would be placed inside a light bollard. He said he had surveyed tourists at the site and 100% of them said yes, they would enjoy the song. He said he had endorsements for the idea from a number of prominent people.

Mrs. White said she was in receipt of the letters he submitted, however these people do not decide what is appropriate in Savannah. Mrs. White asked the Commission if they would like to recommend a policy.

Mrs. Ricks-Brown expressed a concern regarding an outright ban because technology may change and there may be a time when some kind of narration

might be appropriate. She asked if the words "at this time" could be added to a recommendation of no audio.

It was discussed and decided not to recommend a general policy. The consensus was that the City (based on the minutes of Council) wished to discourage the placement of audio devices at monuments.

SMC ACTION: Dr. Duncan moved that the Savannah-Chatham Historic Site and Monument Commission uphold City Council's decision not to install an audio device in conjunction with the Waving Girl Monument. Ms. Ricks-Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Alderman COOK moved to reject all bids and rebid this project due to the fact that the bid from the Industrial Company exceeds all engineering estimates. This was seconded by Alderman Flexon. Alderman Jackson asked if this includes that they pre-qualify contractors as well. Alderman Cook explained that this is the standard procedure whenever they deny a project. The motion carried to reject all bids for the construction of the Casey Canal South collection System and rebid the project. (BID REJECTED).

Microsoft Office XP End User Training - One Time Purchase
- Bid No. 03.0107. Approved to procure Microsoft Office XP Training Services from Premier Systems and Training in the amount of \$15,000.00. The training services will be used by various City staff to learn to use the new Microsoft software being implemented in the next several months. The bidder has agreed to hold prices from the original bid awarded in May, 2002.

Bids were received May 21, 2002.

Water and Sewer Agreement - Courtland Subdivision. John R. Giddens Company, Inc. has requested a water and sewer agreement for

Courtland Subdivision. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 10-equivalent residential unit development on Rendant Avenue. The agreement is consistent with policy directives by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format. APPROVED.

Mayor Adams recognized the Boys Scout Troop 47 and thanked them for their attendance.

City Manager Brown reported that Mr. & Mrs. Robert Byrd were present. He said several months ago, they came to the City and to him and proposed something that was a little unusual. They proposed that the City allow the installation of a musical presentation at the Waving Girl monument on River Street. Ms. Byrd is a musician, songwriter, he guessed a lyricist, and has written various pieces of music. City Manager Brown said Mr. Byrd has collaborated and wishes to present one of Ms. Byrd's musical pieces at the Waving Girl monument. The lighting fixtures would be two or three feet tall and mounted to the ground near the base of the monument. Mr. Brown said it is Mr. Byrd's hope that he could place a recording in one of these fixtures such that when a visitor came to the Waving Girl they could push a button and the musical selection would be played. City Manager Brown said he would characterize Ms. Byrd's music as generally country or country-western in style and her song about Florence Martus into a little of Ms. Martus's history as we all know lived along the riverfront.

She had a house or a cottage along the river and made it her practice to wave to ships as they came through the channel going to

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and from Savannah. City Manager Brown reported that it is Mr. Byrd's hope that the City will allow this. He said with all great respect for their goal, he had to think about the public's interest in such a project. Mr. Brown said he initially looked at the text and it was not technically and historically correct. City Manager Brown said many people believed, or the myth is that she was looking for perhaps a romantic interest and during her whole life, she was waiting for this person to return. He said Ms. Beth Reiter, Preservation Officer, and Ms. Glenda Anderson, the City's Research Librarian helped him with this research. City Manager Brown said apparently this was not true. Ms. Martus during her lifetime never married, but she made it clear that she was really not doing this because of looking for a romantic interest to return. City Manager Brown said another consideration he believed is important is the appropriateness of having some type of music that would be in one of our monuments. He said as City Council knows, we have many monuments in the City with what he would say has great value that recognizes the different heritages and different historical events. City Manager Brown said he believed they need to think very carefully about the decorum of these particular monuments and about beginning a practice of allowing some kind of music or promotional song or device to be attached to the monuments. He said this certainly gives him a great deal of concern. He said he expressed his practical concern to Mr. & Mrs. Byrd about our outdoor fixtures as the Mayor and Aldermen will quickly tell him about anything they see and he, himself, has observed that our outdoor fixtures, furniture, and monuments take a great deal of abuse and just wear and tear. As they say, we need to be able to climb any of our monuments. Essentially, they need to be ironclad in a sense such as during St. Patrick's day or any one of our events where kids, young persons and all sort of people will climb on them. They are also exposed to every bit of the element, from cold to heat, humidity and everything in between. City Manager Brown said he expressed concern to Mr. Byrd that while he certainly respected him and his wife for their artistic interest, he did not believe it's appropriate to have music or promotional of this sort associated with our monuments. He said even though Mr. Byrd made a pledge that he would be responsible for the installation and the maintenance of these devices, he would have to say that they represent a burden. For example one of the things he tries to be a stickler about is our fountains. City Manager Brown said it has taken us approximately 10 or 15 years to get our fountains to where they run about 95 percent of the time. He said even then, he has to call the departments and ask what's the problem and then he is told that it's a electrical or mechanical device that is going to fail. City Manager said he believed that despite the Byrds' good intention and their contribution to our community, he did not believe that it is appropriate to place musical devices at our monuments. He believed that overtime if some devices are attached, they could be hard to maintain and visitors might not really understand its intent or purpose. He said he told Mr. Byrd that if he wished to appear before the Mayor and Aldermen this was his right. He said Mr. & Mrs. Byrd have available a recording of their song and its lyrics. City Manager Brown believed that Mr. Byrd wanted to make a presentation to City Council. Alderman C. Jones

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said he was not opposed to hearing from Mr. Byrd about his idea of the music at the monuments, but he believed if they do this at the Waving Girl monument, they will open this up to all the other monuments in the City of Savannah. He said he fully agreed with City Manager Brown that this would lead them into a direction that they may not necessarily want to go. Alderman C. Jones said he wanted to hear from the Byrds, but at the same time, he did not believe this is appropriate. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Byrd came forward. Ms. Byrd said they were delighted to appear before City Council, Savannah has been good to them and they want to give something back. She said she merely wanted to make the comment that as far as the lyrical composition of her song, she is prepared to change the line of the song that is causing some objections. She said this is the line that says, "Waiting 44 long years for your loved one to appear." She said she believed that City Council had the opportunity to hear the song. She said she would change the line as follows: "Forty-four long years you spent greeting snips that came and went." Ms. Byrd said she was prepared to make this change and register the song as changed. At this point, Ms. Byrd said she would turn this over to her husband who has some more practical considerations. Ms. Byrd thanked City Council for listening to her. Mr. Robert Byrd said that he has passed out some papers. He said that Senator Jack Kingston is in charge of the library of Congress and these songs are registered with the library of Congress. He said he also has papers from the Agricultural Department and the Parks Department of Georgia. They have renditions at different parks all over. Just push a button and a song is played. Mr. Byrd said Fort Pulaski has 16 of them where buttons are pushed and a recitation is given. He said just as Alderman C. Jones stated, pushing buttons at monuments are different. Mr. Byrd said this one song is for the Waving Girl and she is far enough away according to the Code, which says "as long as the City approves this, then it can be done." He said he has done a lot of research and they have the equipment ready. It will not cost the City of Savannah a penny for the renditions. They are donating them to the City and it is in the hands of the City to approve this at no cost. He said the only cost will be approximately \$20.00 a year for the electricity. Otherwise everything else is done and anything that goes bad with it in the next year will be minimal for the City. This is a tourist attraction and we have over five million people a year that come to Savannah. Mr. Byrd said he interviewed a lot of the people at the monument and they said they would enjoy hearing something like this. He said it does not need to be in just one monument as they could place it in others if they wanted to. Alderman C. Jones said he wanted to reiterate his concern. He said the City has a variety of monuments in the City of Savannah and sometimes we get into different aspects and discussions about the monuments. This could lead to just about everybody in the City of Savannah coming up with an idea of some historical point of view. He said placing a recording on some of these monuments might not be acceptable to some of us and he personally would hate to see this happen. Alderman C. Jones said if the device is placed at the Waving Girl, it is his feelings that it could be done at any monument. Alderman Flexon said she agreed and whenever somebody wants to donate time,

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material or money to the City it is gratifying. She said they have to be very carefully of what they accept because what is donated today and is in good working order, but as time goes by, then they have the ongoing maintenance of it. Alderman Flexon said her concern is the same as Alderman C. Jones's concern. This would be a precedence that they would be sitting for the other monuments of the City and she wondered if this is the path they want to travel, even though it's an intriguing idea. Alderman Flexon said if the Monument and Sites Committee wants to take this up and think about it as a policy for the City, this would be something that could come back to City Council, but she did not believe that this is something she wanted to do now. Alderman C. Jones moved that the request be denied. This was seconded by Alderman Flexon. Mayor Adams informed Mr. & Mrs. Byrd that City Council appreciated their offering this to the city, but as they heard unfortunately they cannot accept the offer. Mayor Adams congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Byrd for this and also congratulated Mrs. Byrd on her accomplishments in the music industry. Alderman Thomas said he believed it was noteworthy to let everyone know that Mrs. Byrd is an inducted member into the Georgia Hall of Fame and this is a great accomplishment! The motion carried to deny the request.

There being no further business, Mayor Adams declared this meeting of Council adjourned.


Dyanne C. Reese
Clerk of Council



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Wilson Street

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Michael B. Brown, City Manager 

DATE: March 24, 2004

SUBJECT: Annexation Petition Received for 298 Acres East of Bradley Point South

This week the City received an annexation petition from the owner of a 298 acre tract in the area southwest of Chevis Road and east of the Bradley Point South development. Attached is a map showing the location of this tract. As required by state law, notice of receipt of this petition has been provided to the County. The area is contiguous to the Bradley Point South subdivision which was annexed to the City by legislative action in 2002. Because 100% of the land owners have signed the petition, and because the area is contiguous to the City, state law provides that the City can annex the territory by ordinance of City Council. Plans call for the land to be developed for residential purposes. After full development it is estimated that there will be approximately 459 dwellings and a population of 1,147.

The City of Savannah is the primary provider of water and sewer service in the community. The City also is responsible for serving the central business district which provides historic, cultural and regional resources to the entire metropolitan area. These assets are frequently called upon to support the attraction and retention of jobs, tourism, and economic development for the benefit of the entire community. It is, therefore, fair and right that the City participate in the benefits of new development since it provides essential support that makes such new development possible. A mechanism to accomplish this is annexation.

Annexation also makes sense because it will allow for a more cohesive and consistent standard of municipal and urban services throughout the county. Savannah has a track record of improving services and infrastructure, and in some cases revitalization, in newly annexed areas. In other areas of the state, counties have expressed concern about annexations because some cities failed to provide all the requisite municipal services leaving a burden for the county to assume. This has not been the case for Savannah. Savannah's practice has been to provide all municipal services and arrange for infrastructure in annexed areas.

The City has been successful in annexing several undeveloped tracts over the last ten years. This has been part of a Council strategy to maintain and improve the financial strength of the City, and at the same time support economic growth and development for the community as a whole. It is important for the City to seek to expand its borders in order to participate in the economic growth that it enables. If the City does not do this, the increasing costs of serving as the central city for a growing region would fall on a static and fixed tax base, and this would be detrimental to our current citizens.

It should also be noted that annexations are not detrimental to the interests of the County. All territory annexed to the City remains subject to the County M&O tax levy. Thus, the County's general fund revenues will be enhanced by the new development, and with little liability to the County for providing additional serves. The County's Special Service District will not gain new revenues, but neither will it be burdened with additional service costs imposed by new development.

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Acknowledgement of receipt of the petition will appear on the Council agenda for the April 1, 2004 meeting. Final actions for adopting the annexation ordinance, zoning ordinance (first reading), and authorization of water and sewer agreements is scheduled for the Council agenda of April 29, 2004.

Attachment

